

## CHAPTER 8

### SECTION 13.1

## EATING DISORDERS

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### I. DESCRIPTION

The following diagnoses are considered by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 4th Edition (DSM-IV) to be eating disorders:

Anorexia Nervosa (307.1)

Bulimia Nervosa (307.51)

Feeding and Eating Disorders of Infancy and Early Childhood

Pica (307.52)

Rumination Disorder (307.53)

Feeding Disorder of Infancy or Early Childhood (307.59)

Eating disorder not otherwise specified

### II. POLICY

A claim for treatment of a DSM-IV eating disorder diagnosis is to be adjudicated as a mental health claim.

### III. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

A. The term "eating disorder" is not a medical diagnosis.

B. Inpatient and outpatient claims for services and supplies (otherwise authorized) provided within an eating disorder program operated by an authorized institutional provider may not be denied solely on the basis that the services were provided in an eating disorder program.

*NOTE: Additional guidance on eating disorder programs is at [Chapter 10, Section 1.3](#).*

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